

THE FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY FOR RESEARCH ON METEORITES

THE Society for Research on Meteorites, an associated organization of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, will hold its fourth annual meeting at the University of California at Los Angeles on June 23 and 24. There will be two sessions a day, mainly for papers. On Tuesday evening there will be a dinner in Kerekhoff Hall for members and their guests, followed by an excursion to the Griffith Observatory and Planetarium, at which a lecture demonstration will be given.

The society was organized at Chicago in August, 1933, by Dr. Frederick C. Leonard, with a group of about fifty-five charter members, at the Field Museum of Natural History, the home of the most representative collection of meteorites in the world. Its purpose is "to promote the discovery, collection, investigation and preservation of meteorites, and to advance the science of meteorites, and related sciences, through the increase and diffusion of knowledge concerning meteorites." Although it welcomes to membership any one who is interested in meteorites, the majority of its members are professional men in the several fields of astronomy, geology, mineralogy, chemistry and physics. The organization is international in scope, with members in thirty-five states and seven foreign countries. Its "Contributions," edited by the president and the secretary from Los Angeles, are published serially in *Popular Astronomy* and are reprinted annually in fascicle form.

The second annual meeting was held at the University of California, Berkeley, in June, 1934, and the third at the University of Minnesota, in June, 1935. These meetings occurred in conjunction with the summer conventions of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

The original officers of the society, who were elected at the organization meeting in Chicago and who will continue to serve until June, 1937, are: *President*, Dr. Frederick C. Leonard, University of California at Los Angeles; *First Vice-president*, Dr. C. C. Wylie, University of Iowa; *Second Vice-president*, Dr. W. F. Foshag, U. S. National Museum; and *Secretary-Treasurer*, Professor H. H. Nininger, Nininger Laboratory and Colorado Museum of Natural History.

THE SCIENTIFIC EXHIBIT OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

IN the scientific exhibit at the Kansas City meeting of the American Medical Association there were one hundred and fifty exhibits prepared by individuals under the auspices of the various sections of the Scientific Assembly; twenty exhibits in the Educational Classification were prepared by national organizations and government agencies; four exhibits from the headquarters of the American Medical Association and two special exhibits subsidized by the Board of Trustees.

Thirty-eight papers read before the various sections of the Scientific Assembly were also accompanied by material in the scientific exhibit, thus giving an opportunity to the individuals who had heard the papers to consult the authors and go over the work at leisure.

As reported in the *Journal* of the association, gold and silver medals were awarded in Class I for exhibits of individual investigation, which were judged on the basis of originality and excellence of presentation, and in Class II for exhibits which do not exemplify purely experimental studies and which were judged on the basis of excellence of presentation. The awards were as follows:

CLASS I

The gold medal to Charles B. Huggins, W. J. Noonan and B. H. Blocksom, department of surgery, University of Chicago, Chicago, for original investigation on the distribution of red and yellow bone marrow and the reticulo-endothelial system in the bone marrow.

The silver medal to G. C. Supplee and S. Ansbacher, research division, The Borden Company, New York, for original investigations on the development of pure lactoflavin, an entity of the water soluble vitamin B complex.

The bronze medal to Alvan L. Barach, Presbyterian Hospital, New York, for original investigations on the rôle of helium and oxygen in various types of dyspnea.

CLASS II

The gold medal to Rudolf Schindler, Marie Ortmayer and John F. Renshaw, University of Chicago, Chicago, for excellence of presentation of an exhibit on chronic gastritis as studied by gastroscopy.

The silver medal to John O. Bower, J. C. Burns and H. A. Mengle, department of research surgery, Temple University School of Medicine and General Hospital, Philadelphia, for an exhibit illustrating the treatment of spreading peritonitis complicating acute appendicitis.

The bronze medal to Hamilton Montgomery, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn., for excellence of presentation of an exhibit illustrating the histopathology of various types of cutaneous tuberculosis.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

DR. ARTHUR EDWIN KENNELLY, professor emeritus of electrical engineering at Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, received on May 28 the honorary degree of doctor of engineering

on the occasion of the centenary of the Darmstadt Institute of Technology.

DR. E. D. MERRILL, administrator of botanical collections at Harvard University, was awarded the degree